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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit:	3727
Chisato HIRATA	)		
Serial No.: 10/009,229	)	Examiner:	MAI, Tri M.
Filed: November 6, 2001	)	Confirmation No.:	5572
For: PET BOTTLE	)		

San Diego, California  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to an Office Action dated December 2, 2005 ("Office Action"), the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

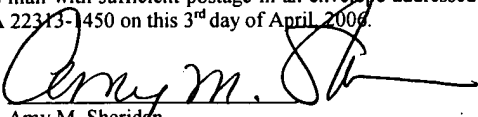
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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